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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REPLY TO US PROPOSAL FOR BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

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1. TEXT TALKING PAPER RECEIVED IN SCICOUNS OFFICE JULY 11 FOLLOWS.  
QTE REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TALKING PAPER OF THE UNITED STATES  
EMBASSY DATED JUNE 26, 1973 CONCERNING THE SUGGESTION TO REVIEW  
PRESENT JAPAN-US COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS  
WITH A VIEW TOWARD STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THEM AND THE IDEA  
OF THE FORMATION OF A BLUE RIBBON REVIEW PANEL FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF  
ITS VIEWS REGARDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SUGGESTION AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE MINISTRY FEELS THAT A GENERAL REVIEW OF PRESENT JAPAN-US  
COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS IS DESIRABLE FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF FINDING WAYS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THESE  
PROGRAMS.

2) THE MINISTRY ALSO FEELS THAT, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FRUITFUL  
OUTCOME OF SUCH A REVIEW, THERE WILL NEED TO BE SUFFICIENT EFFORTS

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OF ADVANCE PREPARATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE AGENCIES AND

PERSONNEL CONCERNED OF BOTH THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN SIDES. IT IS THEREFORE TO BE DESIRED THAT SOME TIME WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDY THE ACTUAL TIMING, MODALITIES, ORGANIZATION, TERMS OF REFERENCE, ETC. OF THE REVIEW.

3) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO SUGGEST TO THE EMBASSY THAT A STATEMENT INDICATING THE DESIRABILITY IN PRINCIPLE OF A GENERAL REVIEW BE INCORPORATED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT THE TIME OF THE FORTHCOMING TANAKA-NIXON SUMMIT MEETING. DISCUSSIONS ON THE DETAILS OF THE REVIEW CAN ENSURE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. UNQTE.

2. LACK OF REFERENCE TO "BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE" AND REFERENCE IN (2) ABOVE TO "MODALITIES" SEEMS TO MEAN JAPANESE SIDE CONTINUING EARLIER RESERVATIONS ABOUT OUTSIDE REVIEW OF ANY OF ITS AGENCIES.

3. HOWEVER, FONMINISTRY WANTS AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT SUMMIT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT SEND DIPLOMATIC NOTE MENTIONED REFTTEL, PARAS TWO AND SEVEN. INGERSOLLO

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